Your Problems

By Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My son just entered the 8th grade. I went to school with him to meet the principal and become acquainted with the rules and regulations.

When I was introduced to my son's new homeroom teacher I almost fainted dead away. She can't be more than 25 years old and her dress was so tight I thought she would break the seams when she sat down. The neckline was square but very low. I worried for her when she leaned over to shake my son's hand.

I hate to start off on the wrong foot but 8th grade boys are not babies — they are 13 years old. And these boys are not blind; in fact they don't miss a thing. Shall I speak to the principal—in a nice way, of course? —W.L.D.

Don't base conclusions on one visit. Perhaps the teacher gussied up in her best dress for registration and, what with the holidays, maybe she gained a few pounds.

In a couple of weeks visit the school again. If after three such visits you honestly feel this teacher is dressing in an unhealthily provocative manner, then mention it (in a nice way, of course) to the principal.

I Almost Croaked

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a teen-ager who usually agrees with your advice but I almost croaked when you said three dates a week is one too many for high school kids.

I'm 16 and have been going steady with a wonderful boy for six months. We are in love and planning for a future together. Neither of us has any intention of dating others. We are happiest when we're together.

When we first started to go steady we saw each other every night. My folks cut it down to one date during the week and two dates on weekends. Now, after reading your column, they want to cut out the mid-week date, and let me go out only on weekends.

We are sensible and know right from wrong. Why should we be deprived of the pleasure of being together when we are so in love? This boy is my whole life.

You have made things rough for me and I hope you will change your mind and say three dates a week are not too many for sensible teen-agers. —TROUBLED TEEN.

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Sorry, Chicken, but the advice still stands. You describe yourself as "sensible" yet in the next breath you say this boy is your "whole life." These two statements don't jibe.

You're too gaga over this boy to think straight. What most teen-agers fail to realize is 16-year-old "love" is made up of three parts chemistry to one part logic.

You see each other every day at school. This is ample stimulation for teen-agers whose major business should be getting an education. A date on Friday night and one on Saturday night are plenty to keep the love boat afloat. Be thankful your parents have the judgment to lower the boom when they see things which are not perceptible to your 16-year-old eyes.

An Ugly Duckling

Dear Ann: The letter from the mother with two daughters, one beautiful and the other an ugly duckling, reminded me of my own girlhood. I just had to write this letter.

My younger sister was a beauty, I was so unattractive it was pitiful. Everyone fussed over her and ignored me. I learned early the only way to make life livable was to be considerate, kind and useful. I developed the "old-fashioned virtures" while my sister became selfish, spoiled and inconsiderate.

Today I'm married to a wonderful fellow and we have a fine family. My sister has been divorced twice and is on the verge of a third catastrophe. I'm certain, Ann, her good looks were her undoing and my ugliness was a blessing. —MUD FENCE.

CONFIDENTIAL TO VEXED: Your husband needs a doctor (head-type). He's not in touch with reality when he thinks a mother of six with no help in the house has time and energy for such monkey-shines.

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To learn the booby-traps of teen-age drinking, write for ANN LANDERS' new booklet, "Teen-age Drinking," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

Men Put To Work

DUNCAN—Members of the Duncan Chapter of Women of the Moose have been successful in persuading their husbands to get busy on renovations to the kitchen of the Moose home, where the women do a considerable amount of catering for social affairs of the two lodges.

It was reported to a meeting of the women's lodge this week that the kitchen renovations are almost completed.

Members of the men's lodge will hold a Valentine social on Feb. 14.

Who worries about sorry statistics when steaks like these are about to sizzle? High in price or low —and these, about to go into Mrs. Hugh Evans' pan, are worth about $1.35 each—steaks are still the most highly regarded cuts of beef, according to butchers, and beef tops other meats in popularity. —(Colonist photo.)

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Everyone Beefs About Steak

By R. O. MARRION

Steaks and statistics have one thing in common: you can cook them the way you want them.

A brief investigation yielded this fact yesterday, and another: in popularity, a steak is to a statistic as T-bone is to tripe.

Because no matter how you fry them, statistics can be used for beefing but they'll never be beef.

DECENT CHAP

What started the investigation was a report by a business writer—a decent chap, but a mainland one—that the price of a steak had risen 161 per cent in 10 years and 14 per cent since last January.

(The increase since Jan. 1, 1957, he said, had been 51 per cent. By quaint Victoria arithmetic, that's not quite right, using his prices.)

CHECK PRICES

Anyway, the first thing to do was to check sirloin steak prices in Victoria.

A chain store advertisement Jan. 28 offered Grade Red A sirloin steaks, trimmed, at 98 cents a pound.

This, granted, was a special. But the same store, in a similar special sale a year ago, offered the same kind of steak at 89 cents a pound. The increase: 10 per cent.

69 CENTS POUND

And just 10 years ago, two big stores were offering specials on steaks, at 69 cents a pound. The increase: 42 per cent.

"Just depends how you pick your statistics," said a butcher.

The comparison of special prices might be valid, he admitted, although the "normal" price of sirloin steaks just now is around $1.15 to $1.28 a pound. But, he pointed out, prices could vary greatly in a short period of time.

CHEAPER NOW

"You could use the 1952 prices and show that steaks are cheaper now," another butcher said.

"Even the best statistics wouldn't tell the whole truth," said the first butcher. "We could sell steaks a lot cheaper now if we sold them the way we used to. Before about 1950, you got more of the end of a steak and all the fat was left on. We cut them 12 inches long, a knife-blade long."

The butchers agreed on contemp for statistics and they agreed on this: that beef is people's favorite meat, and that steak is people's favorite beef.

Primrose

Primrose Lodge, No. 32, Daughters of England, will meet in the Orange Hall on Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

IODE Annual Meeting

'Act Well Your Part'

"Act well your part, there all the honor lies"—this is the motto of the Robert Burns McMicking Chapter, IODE, and if the end-of-the-year reports are any example, each of the 45 members did her share.

Last night, at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, the chapter held its annual meeting with retiring regent Mrs. Owen Fowler presiding.

In her second term as regent, Mrs. Fowler handed over the gavel to Miss Alison Chrow and was presented with a life membership in token of her work for the group, including the loan of her home for a summertime smorgasbord dinner which raised $253 for the chapter.

Following the official opening, Mrs. Fowler welcomed the special guests, who were Mrs. A. Warren Smith, municipal regent; Mrs. Walter C. Nichol, honorary regent of the Robert Burns McMicking Chapter; Mrs. J. R. Gates, honorary vice-regent; Miss Dorothy Stark, CNIB representative, the guest speaker; and Miss V. Deacon.

The treasurer's report indicated a total of $2,516 had been deposited this last year, with disbursements totalling $1,643 and a balance of $872 to begin the new year.

The annual reports were presented to those concerned and the secretary outlined the educational disbursements — two $100 secondary school bursaries; $100 to the Municipal IODE bursary fund; $10 to the Golden Jubilee scholarship fund; $50 for books for a secondary school in St. John, Antigua, in the Leeward Islands.

SUPPORT BLIND

The chapter, which has been in existence since 1916, has always been an active supporter of the blind citizens of the city. This year it arranged two teas at the CNIB headquarters, bought a set of china for use there, donated $243 toward the Municipal Chapter centennial project, the water garden at the Villas on Humboldt Street, and packed nine hampers at Christmas for blind families and one widow with four children.

Total amount spent on welfare work by the chapter was $1,226.

COFFEE PARTY

Fund-raising affairs of the chapter included a coffee party, holiday raffle, smorgasbord, hors d'oeuvres party, Christmas raffle and a crystal bowl raffle. An amount of $923 was raised from these events in addition to numerous private donations.

Following guest speaker Miss Stark, the new officers for 1959 were called forward. They are:

Regent, Miss Alison Chrow; first vice-regent, Mrs. A. W. Flinton; second vice-regent, Mrs. J. Fox; secretary, Mrs. Peter Balagno; treasurer, Mrs. H. Buckle; educational secretary, Mrs. B. Alexander; Echoes secretary, Mrs. Frances Barnes; standard bearer, Mrs. Elsie Lowthian; councillors, Miss Pearl Brabour, Mrs. Kathleen Boone, Mrs. Violet Edward, Mrs. S. E. Heald, Mrs. Marion Holden, Mrs. F. Partridge, Miss Carus Leaky and Mrs. Walter Woodley.

Clubs and Societies

Auxiliary Plans Spring Dance

Members of the Ladies' Pharmaceutical Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Paul Antosz, Royal Oak Avenue, Wednesday evening.

Plans were made to sponsor a Spring dance and Fall fashion show in aid of a Pharmacy Bursary.

At the close of the business meeting slides were shown by Mrs. Peggy Hamm on a trip to Great Britain and Europe.

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CWL

Oak Bay Council of the Catholic Women's League will meet on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the parish hall.

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Pythians

Capital City Temple No. 35, Pythian Sisters will meet on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Knights of Pythias Hall.

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Guides

Girl Guides, Pemberton District, will hold a Valentine tea in St. Matthias' Church Hall on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

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Veterans

Ladies' Auxiliary to the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans will hold a general meeting on Thursday at 8 p.m.

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Ex-Wrens

Regular meeting of the Ex-Wrens' Association will be held on February at 8 p.m. at the Naval Veterans' Auditorium.

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Purple Star

The Victoria Purple Star Lodge No. 104, Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association, is holding its 47th annual birthday banquet in the Orange Hall on Wednesday at 6.30 p.m., with Mrs. B. Belvins convening.

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St. George

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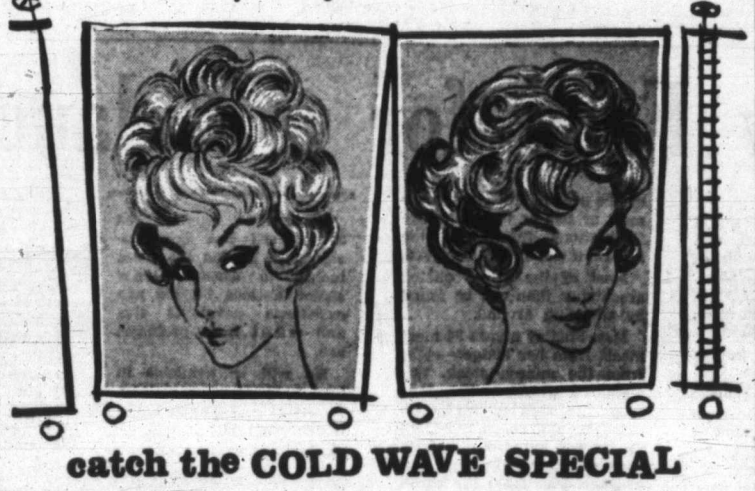

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